

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 23, line 24 and ending at page 24, line 20, as follows.

Referring to Figure 9, the sensitivity of the aforementioned condenser to the electrostatic capacity can be controlled by shortening the second electrode 82 itself by cutting off the portion of the second electrode 82 corresponding to the recess 80, more specifically, by shortening the second electrode 82 so that the position of the top end of the second electrode 82 falls below the level of the bottom end of the first electrode 81, in other words, so that after the proper mounting of the process cartridge B or the developing apparatus 9 into the electrophotographic image forming apparatus main assembly, at least the bottom end of the ~~second~~ first electrode ~~82~~ 81 would be ~~below~~ above the level of the ~~first~~ second electrode ~~82~~ 81. Incidentally, the excessive shortening of the second electrode 82 creates a problem, that is, insufficient sensitivity. Therefore, the second electrode 82 must be cut to a proper length. In this embodiment, the first and second electrodes 81 and 82 are in the form of a plate, and the dimension of the first electrode 81 in terms of the direction perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the development roller 9a is greater than that of the second electrode 82.